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# *Report of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor.*

## *Amount of Tax Assessed.*

For Roads and Bridges	\$1,500 00
Common Schools	690 00
High School	125 00
Text Books	75 00
Supplies and Appliances	50 00
Support of Poor	600 00
Town charges	600 00
Secondary Schools	100 00
State Road	300 00
State tax	1,118 03
County tax	413 02
Overlay	52 88
Expense of destroying brown-tail moth nests charged to individuals	32 10
Total	\$5,656 03

## *Roads and Bridges.*

Appropriated by town, general fund	\$1,500 00
“ “ “ , State road	300 00
	\$1,800 00

## *Amount Expended for Roads and Bridges.*

	Summer	Winter	Material
Abbott, H. W.	\$ 4 25	\$ 2 10	
Arnold, C. H.	3 00	1 40	
Bailey, E. C.	31 43	14 15	
Bailey, L. E.	14 53	8 20	
Batchelder, C. H.		98	
Belden, G. W.	8 25	2 02	

	Summer	Winter	Material
Black, C. H.	\$10 30		
“ G. V.	12 00	\$ 1 50	
“ J. A.	12 30	3 68	\$ 2 00
“ J. H.	10 40	10 64	
Blaisdell, M. D.	24 15	2 40	
“ J. K. P.		1 40	
Blake, W. H.	3 75		
Bowler, L. A.		7 50	34
“ S. E.	2 06	1 62	
Bradstreet, Alemlia	11 38		
“ J. A.	8 75	3 25	
“ Oscar	6 45		
“ V. D.	29 20		
Brawn, A. B.	1 80		5 00
“ F. P.	1 50		12 06
Brown, B. D.	75		
“ F. L.		2 85	
“ Gustavus		2 55	
“ N. W.	3 10		
Cain, E. R.		3 90	
Carr, C. E.		4 60	
“ H. R.		2 50	
“ R. E.	30 98		
Chadwick, E. W.	60	2 70	
“ H. F.	15 00	3 28	
Coffin, P. E.	3 00	3 00	
Colby, B. O.	18 75	26 83	12 95
Crommett, H. W.		30	
Cunningham, E. E.	60	1 50	
“ J. E.	25 10	5 85	
Cummings, Zenobia		1 70	
Day, Lewis	2 25		3 63
Delaney, M.		3 00	
Downer, C. F.	3 00	30	
“ Ormond	3 00		
Drake, F. B.	21 00		
Dyer, W. W.		8 15	
Emerson, Jesse A.		1 95	
Evans, E. R.	2 00		
Farris, Chester	1 50		
Foster, E. H.	21 40	1 40	1 28
Foye, Clarence	1 50	3 00	
Grady, W. H.	23 93	7 40	
Grant B. F.		98	

	Summer	Winter	Material
Greely, S. F.	\$ 2 25		
Griffin, Eldbridge	6 00	\$ 2 00	
Hannan, N. M.	18 75	3 15	
"    S. A.		2 40	\$2 70
Haskell, Raymond	1 50		
Hisler, M. F.	1 50	1 10	
Howard, E. J.	9 00	4 00	
"    W. B.	3 50		
Jaquith, Frank	9 00		
Jones, C. A.	42 50	3 23	
"    W. D.	6 00	9 00	3 00
"    Wm. S.		70	
Jordan, F. W.	14 82	1 40	
"    W. L.	23 00		
Kitchin, E. S.			48
Knox, Maynard	6 50	30	
Lamson, H. S.		4 42	
Latlip,	6 75		50
Leeman, G. S.	3 30		
"    H. A.	7 73		
"    H. B.	29 30		
"    P. P.	4 50		
"    C. S. team & plow	16 55		4 15
Leighton, L. T.	1 13		
Linscott, A. L.	3 00	45	
"    W. J.	34 50	3 00	
Ludwick, S. L.	6 75	3 21	
Merrifield, A. F.		1 00	
Moore, F. G. team & man	37 75	87	4 03
Morang, Fred	2 78		
Nelson, F. M.	22 25		
"    H. M.	23 75	2 12	
"    L. R.	9 00		
"    M. J.	6 00	68	1 00
"    Morris	9 00		
"    R. E.	58 00	65	3 75
"    W. A.	3 50	1 05	1 00
"    W. B.	19 25		
"    W. E.	14 75	1 05	
Nickerson, Mayo	1 05		
Norton, B. C.	2 25		
"    F. G.	1 50	7 00	
"    M. G.	7 50	1 95	
Nutter, D. R.	19 65	7 20	

	Summer	Winter	Material
Osgood, G. E.		1 00	
"    W. R.	\$ 1 85		
Parks, F. F.	5 60		\$1 00
Parmenter, E. J.	17 95	\$6 00	
"    J. C.	3 00	1 00	
Peva, G. E.	30 00	1 55	
Perkins, Chas.		2 77	
"    L. H.	3 75		
Phillips, C. A.	20 00	3 66	
Procter, F. B.	1 75	9 58	
Quigg, I. N.		5 20	23 65
Rowe, E. C.	4 00	2 33	
"    T. F.		1 48	
Sabin, Chas.		75	
"    H. D.	10 95	1 20	
"    S. N.	10 50		7 75
Scates, A. Y.	3 00		
Sinclair, W. P.	3 52	2 97	
Snell, Walter	2 70		
Soule, J. W.		1 80	
Spratt, F. E.	48 70		
Stevens, Alonzo	3 25		
"    Earl	4 50		
Studley, C. W.	4 50		
Tibbetts, A. J.	40 55	4 13	
"    Grace	1 50		
"    Woodbury	33 00		
Tobey, A. J.			50
Trask, Martin	8 50	1 60	
"    Roy	3 75		
"    W. L.	7 13		
Turner, Dexter	7 00	3 30	
"    Lincoln	23 35	1 80	
"    R. J.	33 30	11 03	1 50
"    S. E.	19 00		
"    W. W.	29 05		
Wood, C. E.	1 27		
Worthing, Chester	3 00	90	
"    C. A.			1 74
"    Frank E.	10 50		
"    G. A.	25 50	3 40	1 50
"    H. W. team	48 00	4 20	
"    Raymond	3 00		

	Summer	Winter	Material
Young, Ralph	\$2 10		
	\$1,347 79	\$282 16	\$95 51
Total			\$1,725 46

*State Road Account.*

Amount appropriated by town	\$300 00
Received from State	300 00
Received from State, automobile fund	250 00
	<hr/> \$850 00

## RECEIPTS.

Brooks Hardware Co.	\$41 25	Nelson, R. E.	\$24 50
Bradstreet, Geo.	3 75	Nelson, W. E.	10 50
Brawn, J. M.	1 50	Nelson, W. B.	6 00
Cain, E. S.	18 00	Nelson, W. A.	72 00
Crummett, G. M.	20 80	Nelson, W. A., team	
Dodge, E. T.	50 40	carrying tools to shop	10 00
Drake, F. B.	16 50	Phillips, C. A.	35 50
Downer, Ormand,	1 50	Parmenter, G. G.,	
Downer, E. P.	6 00	blacksmithing	10 85
Downer, C. F.	10 50	Saban, Oscar	4 50
Foss, Grant	14 10	Stowe, J. F.	14 62
Foster, E. H.	27 12	Kitchin, E. S.	57 05
Farris, Chester	3 00	Kitchin, E. S., land	
Gero, Chas.	18 00	damage, gravel, oil	13 34
Garland, Henry	6 75	Turner, W. W.	41 13
Glidden, Geo.	9 00	Turner, R. J.	3 00
Grant, B. F.	22 50	Worthing G. A.	80 85
Green & Wilson,		Worthing, G. A.,	
engineers	21 03	material furnished	2 75
House, Alva	64 63	Worthing, Frank E.	19 35
Holt, Henry	41 00	Worthing, Chester	6 75
Hibbard, Ezra	8 40	Worthing, Raymond	15 82
Jones, A. C.	8 00	Worthing, Fred E.	10 95
Jones, W. S.	12 00	Worthing, Fred E.	
Knox, Maynard	8 63	land damage, tending	
Leeman, Guy	1 50	lights	11 75
LaBreck, Geo.	4 50		
			<hr/> \$891 57

### *Pauper Expenses in Town.*

Appropriated by town \$600 00

#### C. W. and HANNAH STOWE.

Paid W. A. Nelson, clothing	\$ 6 10	
"    "    " shoes and potatoes	2 00	
M. Delaney, medical attendance	1 50	
Dinsmore Grain Co. Supplies	103 60	\$113 20

#### MARY PULLEN.

Paid P. E. Coffin, board	\$86 14	
E. S. Kitchin, clothing	11 63	
C. H. Leach, medical examination	7 00	
P. E. Coffin, care	3 25	
P. E. Coffin and wife, accompanying to Augusta State Hospital	6 00	\$114 02

#### JANE WHITLOCK.

Paid John Richardson, board	\$50 85	\$50 85
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#### EMERY BRYANT.

Paid G. A. Greeley, board	\$103 15	
E. S. Kitchin, clothing	2 50	
E. R. Dowe, casket	25 00	
M. Delaney, medical attendance	6 00	\$136 65

#### HENRY HOLT.

Paid E. S. Kitchin, supplies		\$7 69
Rec'd from City of Augusta	\$2 69	
Due	5 00	

#### GEO. LA BRECK.

Paid Dinsmore Grain Co. supplies	\$ 3 34	
last year	2 69	
E. S. Kitchin, supplies	44 33	
Services of Overseers of Poor	3 50	\$53 86
Rec'd from State	\$30 16	
Due from State	23 70	\$53 86



***Paupers out of Town.***

Paid city of Bangor for supplies furnished Jeremiah Sabine	\$84 00
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***Town Officer's Bills.***

No appropriation

Paid W. A. Nelson, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	\$82 00
G. M. Cronmett, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	44 00
W. S. Jones, services as selectman, assessor and overseer of poor	45 00
Naomi Gregoire, Supt. of schools	71 00
H. L. Pinkham, Clerk	5 00
H. W. Worthing, road commissioner	58 00
C. S. Leman, " "	95 00
F. G. Moore, " "	54 70
	<u>\$445 70</u>

***Weights and Measures.***

Appropriated by town	\$150 00
Paid Fairbanks Co.	\$150 00
freight	9 28
Received from town of Albion	26 86
" " " " China	26 86
" " " " Windsor	26 86
" " " " Somerville	26 86
	<u>107 44</u>
	\$51 84
Destroying B. T. moth nests spring 1913	\$72 18
Amount charged to tax payers	32 10
Cost to town	\$40 08
Destroying B. T. moth nests winter 1914	181 94
Amount due from tax payers	53 70
Cost to town	<u>128 24</u>



*Miscellaneous Expenditures.*

Appropriated by town	\$600 00
Paid John Nelson, printing B. T. moth notices	\$ 1 50
"                    "                    town reports	16 00
Loring, Short and Harmon, town books	5 90
J. A. Black, destroying B. T. M. nests	4 62
C. H. Black, " " " " "	4 62
E. J. Howard, " " " " "	3 00
Earl Stevens, " " " " "	6 00
Ormond Downer, " " " " "	6 00
Guy Leman, " " " " "	6 00
Russell Northrop " " " " "	9 75
E. S. Cain, " " " " "	9 68
M. G. Norton, " " " " "	5 55
Milton L. Turner " " " " "	5 55
Ray Haskell, " " " " "	1 20
W. B. Nelson, " " " " "	1 73
Clarence Foye, " " " " "	4 50
Fred Proctor, " " " " "	3 98
Good Road Machine Co., repairs on road machine	4 50
Newell White, Dog license blanks	1 50
H. W. Worthing, abatement tax bills 1912	13 75
H. W. Worthing, commission " " "	130 61
Wiard Plow Co., repairs on town plow	2 00
J. W. Nelson, stationery	4 25
Brooks Hardware Co. steel, hammers, and handles	13 84
E. J. Parmenter, ballot clerk	3 00
C. H. Black, " "	3 00
A. J. Tibbetts, " "	3 00
F. G. Moore, " "	3 00
C. M. Conant, repairs on road plow	4 10
Kendall & Whitney, mould board	2 80
Brooks Hardware Co., 2prs. climbers	3 30
H. H. Hamlin & Co., 2 sets straps	3 00
W. W. Turner, plow beam	3 00
H. W. Worthing, postage	1 20
Winter 1914	
Geo. Glidden, destroying B. T. M. nests	4 35
Mayo Nickerson, " " "	2 40
E. J. Howard, " " "	3 00
D. T. Dowe, " " "	3 90
Roy Trask, " " "	7 85
F. G. Norton, " " "	6 90

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W. P. Sinclare, destroying B. T. M. nests	\$ 3 00
J. F. Stowe, " " "	5 78
Oscar Sabine, " " "	3 83
E. T. Dodge, " " "	1 50
C. H. & J. A. Black, " " "	27 68
F. L. Brown, " " "	30 00
M. G. Norton, " " "	29 40
G. S. Leeman, " " "	20 25
H. S. Leeman, " " "	7 20
P. P. Leeman, " " "	15 75
C. C. Finley, " " "	7 05
G. B. Finley, " " "	2 10
W. A. Nelson, freight and express	4 46
W. A. Nelson, telephone toll, justice fee and recording deed	2 95
M. Delaney, reporting births and deaths	2 00
Branch Mills Grange, hall and office rent	21 00
H. M. Nelson, moderator	2 00
Naomi Gregoire, express, postage, stationery	2 79
W. A. Nelson, wood for office	1 25
H. Worthing, abatement tax bill 1913	19 75
H. L. Pinkham, recording vital statistics	6 45
" " " postage	60
" " " express	30
C. W. Studley, watering tub	1 50
W. E. Nelson, " "	3 00
Roy Haskell, " "	1 50
W. B. Nelson, " "	4 00
C. A. Worthing, repairs on road machine	2 70
W. S. Jones, expense out town	5 00
W. A. Nelson, " " "	2 50
" " " postage and stationery	5 40

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\$566 52

*List of Delinquent Tax Payers.*

## RESIDENT.

Blaisdell, W. A.	\$18 80
Daley, W. H.	7 37
Downer, E. P.	12 70
Dyer, J. W.	4 55
Dyer, W. W.	9 91
Emerson, Jesse	1 63
Fuller, Geo.	12 98
Hustus, William	3 00

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Huston, W. N.	\$ 3 00	
Hisler, G. C.	4 38	
Hannan, S. A.	9 72	
Jordan, Roy	11 14	
Jordan, F. W.	8 65	
Knowlton, William	3 00	
Marden, W. P.	3 87	
Morang, F. H.	1 25	
Morang, C. P.	5 75	
Neal, Barbara	4 60	
Norton, B. C.	2 25	
Norton, Mrs. B. C.	2 88	
Norton, Heirs of Carrie	6 85	
Norton, George	3 58	
Nickerson, Mayo	8 75	
Norton, W. J.	9 66	
Rowe, E. C.	9 05	
Scates, A. Y.	5 30	
Studley, C. W.	13 26	
Stewart, C. E.	3 80	
Tobey, A. J.	16 65	
Tobey, A. J. or unknown	11 50	
Worthing, Est. of P. S.	21 85	\$244 71

## NON-RESIDENT.

Abbott, C. H.	\$ 4 60	
Ayer, J. S.	20 53	
Clark, George	8 05	
Drake, Heirs of Washington	2 30	
Emerson, William	11 50	
Ellis, Est. of Kaziah	3 45	
Grotton, J. A.	9 75	
Gove, Heirs of Mrs. C. P.	7 57	
Jones, Fred	3 96	
Long, A. J.	21 85	
Morton, E. T.	16 10	
McMiller,	2 88	
Pierson, Joseph or unknown	4 60	
Parker, K. T.	5 75	
Peavy, Heirs of James	2 30	
Plummer, Brintnell	4 90	
Porter, P. R.	15 29	
Reynolds, W. T.	11 50	
Stearns, Albert J.	2 30	
Turner, Carroll	1 15	160 33

Total

\$405 04

*Financial Standing of Town.*

## RESOURCES.

Balance due from H. W. Worthing's tax	
bill 1913	\$405 04
Cash in hands of treasurer, Feb. 26, '14	121 56
Hannah Stowe, Notes secured by mortgage	280 45
Geo. and Florence Fuller's note secured by mortgage	100 00
Geo. McMiller's note secured by mortgage	150 00
Due from State for secondary schools	119 65
Due from Mrs Etta Boynton for care furnished A. T. Turner	12 75
Due from Jane Blaisdell Estate	43 35
Deed of Emery Bryant place	100 00
Due from State on Geo. LaBreck acct.	23 70
Due from Augusta, Henry Holt acct.	5 00
	<hr/> \$1,361 50

## LIABILITIES.

Due H. W. Worthing com. on tax bill 1913	\$113 12
Balance in favor of town	<hr/> \$1,248 38

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NELSON	}	Selectmen of Palermo
G. M. CROMMETT		
Wm. S. JONES		

## *Treasurer's Report.*

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DR.

February 26th, 1914

To Cash in treasury Feb. 27th 1913	\$933 44
To Balance due from H. W. Worthing tax bills, 1912	269 00
Mrs. Hannah Stowe's note secured by mortgage, accrued interest not computed	121 25
Geo. and Florence Fuller's notes secured by mor- tgage, interest not computed	100 00
Mrs. Hannah Stowe's note secured by second mortgage	159 20
Geo. McMiller's four notes, \$37.50 each secured by mortgage	150 00
cash received from State treasurer, acct. dog licenses refunded	35 39
commitment to H. W. Worthing collector of taxes for the year 1913	
State tax	1,118 03
County tax	413 02
Town tax	4,040 00
Overlay	52 88
expense of destroying B. T. M. nests	32 10
cash received from State treasurer, acct. of Free High Schools	24 00
cash received from State treasurer, school and mill fund	646 71
cash received from State treasurer, common school fund	440 78
cash received from State treasurer, acct. of sup- port of paupers	15 53
cash received from State treasurer, acct. of support of paupers	14 63
cash received from State treasurer, equalization fund	80 00
cash received from State treasurer, equalization	65 00

To cash received from City of Augusta, support of door	\$ 2 69
cash received from H. L. Pinkham, acct. of dog license	51 00
cash received from W. S. Jones, auctioneer's license	2 00
cash received from State treasurer, acct. of State road	300 00
cash received from State treasurer, acct. of registration of Autos	250 00
cash received from town of Windsor for its pro- portional part of sealer's outfit	26 86
cash received from town of Somerville for its pro- portional part of sealer's outfit	26 86
cash received from E.T.Dodge for drills & hammer	5 00
cash received from town of China for its propor- tional part of sealer's outfit	26 86
cash received from town of Albion for its propor- tional part of sealer's outfit	26 80
cash received from Naomi Gregoire for books sold	1 76
cash received from deed of Emery Bryant	100 00
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	\$9,530 79

## CR.

By paid 184 town orders	\$6,791 69
State treas. receipt for dog licenses refunded 1913	35 39
State tax receipt 1913	1,082 64
County tax receipt 1913	413 02
Dog license receipt 1913	51 00
Hannah Stowe's notes secured by mortgage	280 45
Geo. and Florence Fuller's notes secured by mortgage	100 00
Geo. McMiller's notes secured by mortgage	150 00
Deed of Emery Bryant	100 00
Balance due from H. W. Worthing, tax bill of 1913	405 04
Cash in treasury Feb. 26th, 1914	121 56
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	\$9,530 79

H. W. WORTHING, *Treasurer.*



# *Report of Superintendent of Schools.*

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## *Financial Statement.*

### RESOURCES.

Appropriated by town	\$690 00	
Received from State, common school	440 78	
School and mill	646 71	
Equalization fund	80 00	
Equalization fund	65 00	
Unexpended last year	3 75	
Total		\$1,926 24

### EXPENDITURES.

Paid teacher's wages (board included)	\$1,422 00	
for transportation	387 00	
for fuel	42 00	
town of China for tuition	67 05	
		\$1,918 05
Balance unexpended		8 19

## *Text Book Account.*

Appropriated by town	\$75 00	
Received from sale of books	1 76	
Unexpended last year	8 07	\$84 83
Paid D. Appleton & Co.	\$20 33	
D. C. Heath & Co.	3 27	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	15 36	
American Book Co.	32 86	
N. T. Gregoire (express)	40	\$72 22
Unexpended		\$12 61



***Supply Account.***

Appropriated by town		\$50 00
Paid Edward Babb & Co.	\$35 24	
John Nelson for book labels and print-		
course of study,	10 75	
N. T. Gregoire freight bills	99	
E. S. Kitchin	8 13	
M. J. Nelson	35	
Holden Book Cover Co.	3 15	\$58 61
Overexpended		\$8 61

***Repairs Account***

Unexpended last year	\$32 65
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**EXPENDITURES.**

Paid for cleaning schoolhouses	\$13 50	
W. B. Jones, labor and repairs	9 18	
M. J. Nelson, repairs on center school-		
house	1 93	
W. A. Nelson, repairs on center school-		
house	1 50	
E. S. Kitchin, for miscellaneous supplies	1 46	
Dinsmore Grain Co.	25	
Edward E. Babb & Co. for blackboards	32 35	\$60 17
Overexpended		\$27 52

***High School.***

(10 weeks)

Appropriated by town		\$125 00
Paid Emma Nelson, (teacher)	\$100 00	
janitor	5 00	
Edward E. Babb & Co. (books)	5 25	
D. C. Heath & Co.	5 40	\$115 65
Unexpended		\$9 35

### *General Statement.*

	Name of Teacher	Pupils Registered	Aver. Attendance	Wages per week including board	Weeks in Term
GREELEY'S CORNER.					
Spring	Idella Allard	22	20.6	8	8
Fall	Katherine Bowler	28	24	8	9
Winter	W. S. Jones	26	21	10	9
CARR'S CORNER					
Spring	Gertrude Nelson	21	17.7	8	8
Fall	Abbie Arnold	18	15.3	8	9
Winter	Lester Nelson	19	15.2	8	9
CENTER					
Spring	Jennie Chadwick	20	19.3	8	8
Fall	Jennie Chadwick	18	14	8	9
Winter	Jennie Chadwick	16	13	8	9
EAST					
Spring	Emma Nelson	19	15.7	8	8
Fall	Emma Nelson	16	13.6	8	8
Winter	Emma Nelson	19	14.4	8	10
FOYE					
Spring	Edith Nelson	11	8.6	7	8
Fall	Roy Trask	10	6	7	9
Winter	Mattie Edwards	8	5.4	7	9
RIDGE					
Fall	Lois Nelson	7	6.07	7	9
Winter	Lois Nelson	5	4.7	7	9
BRANCH					
Spring	Nellie Chadwick	9	8.3	7	8
LINS COTT					
Spring	Raymond Finley	19	16	8	8
Fall	Raymond Finley	17	14.94	8	9
Winter	Raymond Finley	18	14.52	8	9

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*Remarks.*

Another school year has passed and we are confronted with the same questions. What has been done during the preceding year for the advancement of schools? What ought to be done in the future? How much can we do during the coming year? In answer to the first question I shall speak briefly because I wish to call your attention more especially to the second and third questions.

During the year we have added to the book list: Longfellow's *Evangeline*, *Snow Bound* and *Vision of Sir Launfal*, (combined) for the 9th Grade. Burrough's *Birds and Bees* for the 8th Grade. Krohn's *Physiologies* Books I and II, and such other books as were needed to make complete sets.

The schools have been graded and are now working with a course of study. The new black boards speak for themselves.

When a community as a whole earnestly and sincerely awakens to the fact that better school conditions are necessary, then, and not till then can there be very much accomplished.

The cry is and always will be better teachers. But frankly speaking, we shall not be able to obtain as good teachers in the future as we have in the past unless we raise the wages correspondingly with other towns in the state. We have lost some of our best teachers during the past year and we shall continue to lose them. Why should teachers' wages not rise when the wages in other occupations are rising and there is a continual increase in the cost of living. We want the best teachers that we can possibly get because the teacher is the life of the school. But I wish to say here, though it is a little apart from the subject, that whoever the teacher, good or bad, the work is seriously impaired by the criticism of teachers by parents in the presence of their children. And very often the criticism is extremely unjust because the parent has not taken the time and means to investigate the matter. It is never safe to rely upon the report of the children because it is the tendency of all children to exaggerate and because the child cannot see the standpoint of the adult.

We want teachers who can awaken and develop the mind of the pupil. And this is not done wholly by pouring in facts as though the children were to be trained to become walking encyclopedias. The teacher who can arouse a desire in the pupil to know more of a subject is the one who has started him aright. We want teachers who are intelligent, well educated, and with some degree of professional training. The teacher may know a subject well herself but this is not enough she must know how to present it to the child mind. The new law for State certification was passed for the purpose of giving us more of the right class of teachers. Now if we demand quality of teachers they in turn have a right to demand recompense. But the teacher question in this town is not so serious as the conditions under which we oblige them to labor.

Let us turn to a consideration of our schoolhouses. They should be as good as the best homes in the community. The log house went with the log schoolhouse. As the comfort and beauty of homes increases, a corresponding change must be made in school-rooms. Ride through our town and note the thrifty looking homes and then go into school-rooms as I have done the past year and note conditions; an over heated room varying some 25 degrees from the seat nearest the stove to the rear seat. Light coming from three and in some instances four sides of the room, causing cross lights and producing a severe strain upon the eyes, whereas it should come from the rear and left side only. Improper seating, causing spinal troubles, round shoulders, etc., whereas each seat should be adjusted to the pupil. After watching children's attempt to write in these seats I am not surprised that our pupils are poor in penmanship. And what of an out house so near that in summer the room is sometimes filled with the odor. Such is the case at the Foye school. For morality's sake there should be two outhouses and they should be placed at a proper distance from the school-room.

What are we going to do about these things? Rest easy and say, "Well my children will soon be out of school." "The town ought to look after it." Who is the town? It is

you and your neighbors. It would be impossible to make a radical change in one year but at least a beginning should be made and such a beginning as would be a permanent improvement. Are you willing to sacrifice a little of your home improvement for the sake of the place where your children and your friend's children are spending a large part of their lives and where their bodies and characters are being moulded.

Where shall we begin? What school is at present the most needy? During the past year the Carr's Corner school has appealed to me as the one that needs immediate attention. To begin with the house is badly located. It is practically in a mudhole, with no play ground whatever. The room is too small for ten pupils and this year it has had twenty or more. The room is always over heated. The stove occupies part of the limited floor space in front and beside it the teacher must exhaust her nervous energy trying to hold the attention of pupils whose flushed little faces show plainly the impossibility of giving attention under such trying conditions.

The schoolhouse should be enlarged and the yard graded or it should be moved to a better locality and enlarged but better than either a new schoolhouse in a good locality with a suitable playground and provision made for the heating, lighting, ventilation and hygienic conditions. This would be by far the cheapest in the end from a financial, moral and intellectual standpoint. Oh! but what a protest I hear. "That schoolhouse has only been built a short time." "Taxes are heavy now." "We can't afford it." Yes, this is all true but I believe we will afford it when once we awaken to the consequences arising from such conditions, when we put aside individual selfishness, petty prejudices and realize that while we tarry the children are growing into manhood and womanhood with dwarfed intellects and sickly bodies. In ten or twelve years this town working *unitedly* could have schools that it might be proud of and not be any poorer financially. It simply means a right beginning, working with a purpose, working steadily and working *together*. Let us begin.

Respectfully submitted,

NAOMI T. GREGOIRE, *Supt. of Schools.*



*Vital Statistics as recorded in the town of Palermo for the year ending Feb. 26 1914.*

**Marriages**

Date	Place of marriage	Name of Groom	Name of Bride	Res. of Groom	Res. of Bride
Feb. 27, '13	Palermo	D. W. Worthing	Edna L. Osgood	Palermo	Palermo
Apr. 14, '13	Palermo	W. C. Snell	Emma Leigher	Palermo	Liberty
Apr. 16, '13	Augusta	F. J. Fish	Sadie M. Mcsher	Palermo	Fairfield
May 17, '13	Palermo	Ray O. Chadwick	Florence Glidden	Liberty	Liberty
June 2, '13	Palermo	Fred A. Fuller	Louise A. Carr	Reading, Mass	Palermo
July 6, '13	Liberty	R. M. Trask	Lizzie Beaulieu	Palermo	Liberty
Aug. 10, '13	Palermo	G. F. Norton	Margie Witham	Palermo	Palermo
Aug. 25, '13	Somerville	W. N. Huston	Mira M. Grotton	Palermo	Washington
Nov. 3, '13	Palermo	Samuel Huzzey	Hattie McDonald	Freedom	Freedom
Nov. 12, '13	Palermo	Oscar Saban	Annie V. Moore	Palermo	Palermo
Dec. 14, '13	Palermo	C. G. Nickerson	Burnice McLaughlin	Palermo	Lincoln
Jan 12, '14	Palermo	C. R. Parmenter	Delia Parmenter	Palermo	China

**Births**

Date	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Parents	Res. of Parents
June 5, '13	Palermo	Alice R. Haskell	Raymond and Olive Haskell	Palermo
June 3, '13	Palermo	Angie F. Blaisdell	W. A. and Mary E. Blaisdell	"
Mar. 15, '13	Palermo	Orland Bradstreet	V. D. and Sadie Bradstreet	"
June 9, '13	Palermo	Doris H. Grady	W. H. and Edith Grady	"
July 27, '13	Palermo	Scates	A. Y. and Bessie Scates	"
Aug. 16, '13	Palermo	Walter L. Worthing	D. W. and Edna Worthing	"
Aug. 25, '13	Palermo	Kenneth L. Clark	B. W. and Mary Grant	"
Sept. 7, '13	Palermo	Studley	L. L. and Margie Clark	"
Dec. 8, '13	Palermo	Viola LaBreck	George and Mary LaBreck	"
Dec. 21, '13	Palermo	Madeline Nelson	L. R. and Gertrude Nelson	"
Jan. 26, '14	Palermo	Helen I. Holt	H. P. and Martha Holt	"
Jan. 29, '14	Palermo			

## Deaths

Date	Name of Deceased	Age yrs. m. d.	Place of Death	Place of Birth	Cemetery	Place of Burial
Mar. 14, '13	Louise M. Aldred	54 2 25	Palermo	Palermo	Branch Mills	Town
Apr. 24, '13	Rose L. Morse	52	"	Liberty		China
May 9, '13	Minnie E. Black	66 9 11	"	Cambridge, Mass.	Perkins	Windsor
Apr. 1, '13	Ida M. Hannon	21 9 7	Washington	Waldoboro		Palermo
May 13, '13	Robie J. Turner	62 3 16	Liberty	Palermo		Palermo
June 13, '13	Ruel E. Balcom	56 7 14	Palermo	Palermo	Branch Mills	Palermo
May 12, '13	Lester Young	16 3 18	New Gloucester	Liberty		China
June 6, '13	Geo. W. Plummer	79	Whitefield	Palermo		Palermo
June 22, '13	Geo. W. Marden	78 2 27	Ellsworth	Palermo		Palermo
Sept. 24, '13	Chas. E. Wood	82	Palermo	Palermo	Smith	Palermo
Oct. 9, '13	Emma T. Black	39	"	Palermo	Smith	Palermo
Nov. 8, '13	Fred P. Brown	28 4	"	Palermo	Greeleys	Palermo
Nov. 30, '13	Emma J. Carr	57 6 9	"	Palermo		Palermo
Dec. 12, '13	Annie V. Saban	26	"	Palermo	Branch Mills	China
Nov. 15, '13	John F. Finley		China	China		Palermo
Dec. 2, '13	Norris F. Rowe	8 7 26	Bangor	Palermo		Palermo
Jan. 18, '14	Emery E. Bryant	78	Freedom	Palermo	Smith	Palermo
Dec. 10, '13	Elizabeth M. Walker	25	Portland	Palermo		Palermo
Feb. 12, '14	Sadie Black	13 4	Palermo	Palermo	Perkins	Palermo

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